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**To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting. -Burke**

# No eggs or Kraft Dinner for Axworthy

By JASON GRAHAM
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Staff Writers

With no eggs or Kraft Dinner involved, federal Minister of Human Resources Development Lloyd Axworthy met with the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association's (OCCSPA) general membership to address educational concerns.

Student leaders from across the province met with Axworthy on Feb. 18 to discuss the proposed federal budget cuts and the membership's concern regarding federal student representation on education committees.

Axworthy said the federal government is looking at how they can implement changes to address the lack of student representation.

"There are areas where we (federal and student education committees) can have more contact," said Axworthy.

The meeting with Axworthy was confirmed on Feb. 16 and revealed to the student leaders after their arrival at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa on Feb. 17.

The public was not made aware of the meeting to avoid possible protest by post-secondary students. In October 1994, Axworthy was pelted with eggs and Kraft Dinner after the announcement of the proposed cuts to post-secondary education.

"I don't learn much from people yelling at me," said Axworthy in regard to the October incident.

He said he has no hesitation at all seeking student opinion, and "invites student representation."

Axworthy said colleges, in particular, are tired of universities' preferential treatment regarding funding.

From left, Giles Gherson, minister's aide, Lloyd Axworthy, Federal human resource minister and student leaders from Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC), Brendan Correia, president of ACTISEC and Shelia Soders, growth and development chair met with general membership of the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA), in Ottawa.

Photo by Dawn Swayze

# Niagara students to assist at police conference

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

The annual Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference may have the helping hand of Niagara College students.

Students in the Law and Security Administration program (LASA) have an opportunity to participate in the five-day event to be held June 25 to 29 in St. Catharines.

Heather Hodgson, LASA program co-ordinator, said this is "a great opportunity" for the students.

This is the first time college students have been involved on this level with the Niagara Regional Police. Hodgson said the students prepared a proposal for the NRP.

The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn and the Parkway Inn. Other offsite activities will be held in Fort George at Queenston. The students will be responsible for security, dispatch, supervising the event and other tasks.

For the pilot project, Hodgson selected three second-year students to initiate the work and help in the selection of students. They are Ann Groves, 33, Mike Graham, 20, and Tim Cowley, 22. The three are informing LASA students and collecting resumes.

"This is definitely an excellent opportunity for me to be involved in," said Graham.

"We meet every Thursday and work on the presentation. We want to select the most dependable students for this job," said Groves.

Hodgson said the three students are handling this project on their own but she is there to help them if any problems should arise.

"I am very confident in my students. They have all done tremendous work in the past," said Hodgson.

The LASA students are involved in volunteer positions in many major events held in the region.

"We had over 150 positions filled for the annual Event in the Tent, part of the (St. Catharines) Grape and Wine festivities," said Hodgson.

She said the students worked with police on crowd and access control. Students step in before any trouble erupts in crowds. Over 9,000 people attended the event.

The Ontario Winter Games, held March 8 to 12, will also involve LASA students.

Hodgson said she has received more than 160 applications from students interested in helping for the games.

"This will be a high profile for students and for the college," she said.

Meanwhile, Groves, Graham and Cowley are carefully perusing each resume and making their selection for the chiefs conference. Twenty-five students will be chosen.

# Sexual awareness in a new design

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Rob Brown is the creator of the Sexual Awareness Week directory's front page design.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) sponsored Sexual Awarness Week from Feb. 27 to March 2.

The directory, called Niagara College Sexual Awareness, is a reference guide developed by SAC with names of the different health and helping agencies available in Niagara Region.

"I wanted to do a simple, yet effective design that would make people take a second look," said Brown, 41, a first-year Visual Creative Arts and Design (VCAD) program student from Fonthill.

He and a friend had gone over to the (SAC) office for some information, he said, where they met Bren Biggs, SAC's vice-president executive.

She suggested he and the other students from VCAD could help out by designing the cover for the directory.

This was the first time he had done any work for SAC and Brown said if it went over well he'd like to do more, if he has the time.

Brown said he has a work history in the field of packaging and enjoyed working with fine arts.

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# *Candidate Busnarda has 'student-first perspective'*

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Establishing a "learning community" at Niagara College is the theme for Tom Busnarda's candidacy as a faculty representative on the Board of Governors.

"If there's one theme I see ... it's establishing a learning community," Busnarda, a general studies division instructor says.

The issues of class size and academic outcomes need to be addressed along with fiscal responsibility, he says.

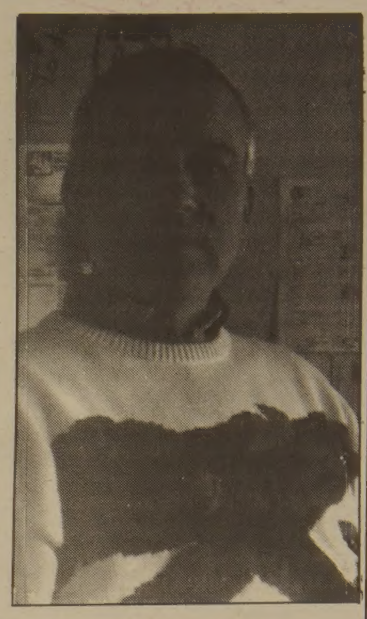
One of the things that gets lost at the board level, Busnarda says, is the process of establishing a "culture of teaching and learning" in favor of more corporate decisions. Although "it will be hard to replace Joan (Hastings-Dove) at the board," Busnarda feels he has the background to bring a strong faculty voice to the board.

Busnarda, 43, began teaching at Niagara College in the Adult Retraining program in 1982 and moved into the general studies division in 1985. He and wife Linda have four girls—Natalie and Nicole, 7, Angela, 10, and Carla, 13. He admits to enjoying a busy schedule but says he won't sacrifice time with the family.

An instructor with "a student-first perspective," Busnarda says he has enjoyed the interaction with students and faculty alike.

"The professional freedom ... has certainly been something that has allowed me to grow in ways I couldn't have otherwise."

He wants to be more actively involved at the college, he says, and "to celebrate many of the successes we have at Niagara College that don't get the attention a lot of the time."



TOM BUSNARDA

# *Candidate Webb 'very much into what people want'*

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

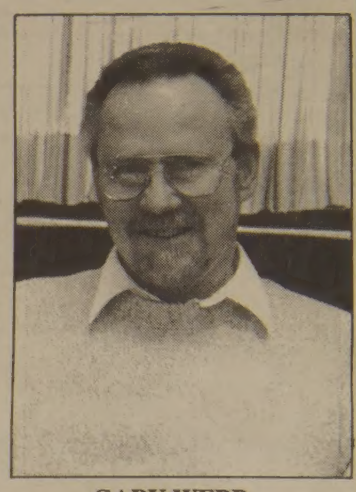
A firm believer in faculty and students having a strong voice in college decisions, Gary Webb is seeking the position of faculty representative on the Board of Governors.

"I'm very much into what people want," says Webb, an English instructor.

"What is important to me is representing the faculty (and ensuring) faculty have a voice."

An issue that needs to be studied, Webb says, is the impact of under-funding on the college system as a whole. The faculty representative can bring to the board the voices of the people who are in the classrooms and the challenges and needs they face, he says.

Webb has taught "just about every English course there is" at most campuses except the Hospitality and Tourism Centre during his 20 years of experience at Niagara College. In 1987, he was appointed acting English co-ordinator and in 1988 took the position officially. He gave the position up in 1994, he says, because he felt someone else should be able to have a try at it. Plus, he says, it took him away from classroom work.



GARY WEBB

"The most important part of the college, as far as I'm concerned, is the classroom," he says. Faculty's job is to see "how we can make the best experience for the students in the classroom."

Joan Hastings-Dove has done a good job on the board, Webb says. He wants only to broaden this to ensure faculty is more involved.

"I think the job is important and my approach is the position should be...to take messages from the faculty to the board of governors. The job title, I think, says it all."

# SAC ski trip 'a big success'

BY ELIZABETH MONSERE
and DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writers

It was a cold night, but students from Niagara College were getting good use of the ski slopes.

On Feb. 22, students from Niagara left for Kissing Bridge in the city of Aurora, near Buffalo. The Charterways bus left the college at 4:30 p.m. and arrived back at 1:30 a.m.

Along with members of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), the group was joined by teacher Mike Collins.

Jeff Poulin, SAC's vice-president of external affairs, organized the trip. SAC provided free bus service.

"It was a great trip. We should do this every week," says Jim Holiko, a first-year Computer Programming program student.

Rachel Haymes, a first-year Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film program student, says it was her first night out this season.

"I had a fantastic time, and the ride to Kissing Bridge was free. I would definitely do this again."

Poulin says the ski trip was a "big success." He said he is trying to plan another trip for after the March break.

Niagara College students enjoy the skiing at Kissing Bridge.

Photo by Dawn Swazye

# *Post-grad programs postponed until September*

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Six new programs were postponed because funding from the provincial government was delayed.

"We are getting special funding ... it (the funding) didn't come through until the end of January," said Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president of student life and human resources.

The college intended to offer the programs for Feb. 27, but "four weeks is not enough time" to register, pick courses, attend orientation and arrange all the details people have to deal with when making the decision to start college, she said.

When people choose to come to college, they have to feel secure enough to be able to devote the time and energy necessary to complete their courses, said Boettcher. "It's a major commitment. People need more time to plan their lives," she said.

The six new post-diploma programs to be offered were: Cultural Resource Management, Interactive Multi-Media, Library Computer Specialist, Business Enterprise Development, Network Administrator and Call Centre Operations/Management.

"It will be better to offer the six programs in September. It gives people a much better opportunity to plan," Boettcher said.

# Libyan casualties higher - student refutes Western reports

By WILLIAM BECK
Staff Writer

Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. put it best when, during one of his numerous inspirational speeches, he said, "An eye for an eye only leaves two men blind."

Two wrongs don't make a right. Probably nowhere else in the world is this belief more emphasized than in North America.

Why is it that in April of 1986 U.S. President Ronald Reagan ordered the bombardment of military and intelligence targets in the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi? It was an air assault by sophisticated U.S. fighter jets in retaliation for worldwide terrorist attacks at the hands of Libyan extremists according to the United States.

Libyan student Abdelbaset Yagubi, 29, studying molecular genetics at Brock University in St. Catharines, gave a different perspective on the motives for the attacks on Tripoli, Benghazi and Libyan aircraft.

For years Libya has used the bay of Khalij Surt for fishing and for military naval bases' operation. Stretching from its lowest point of 30 degrees North to 32.5 degrees North longitude, it is a small area of water. But during the early to mid-1980's the U.S. made plans to practice military exercises in the area. Libya was reluctant to have an American military presence off its coast.

It was clearly a display of, as Yagubi put it, "U.S. muscle." This is when he believes the trouble began.

Yagubi was at home in Tripoli sitting in bed reading a magazine when the attack took place at 2:15 a.m.

"The ground started to shake and the doors of my home swung open. People were running everywhere in the streets. Everyone was very scared because they didn't know what was going on, especially the children. I knew right away that it was a bombing."

Western news reports claimed there were 37 casualties. Yagubi contests that figure, believing it to be higher. Yagubi saw the home of a close friend destroyed. Thankfully the family sustained only minor injuries. Yagubi's home was a short distance away, he said.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi had his home destroyed in the attack. According to news reports the leader's two sons, aged four and three, were injured and his wife was shell-shocked. Yagubi said Gaddafi's young daughter was killed in the attack. Nothing about this was mentioned in the news reports. Gaddafi was in an underground bunker at the time.

Why did Reagan order the attack on two such heavily populated areas?

"Why would they (the United States) choose to bomb military bases in a city rather than the military bases in the country," asked Yagubi. Tripoli, the capital, is home to over 1.5 million people.

The attack left many Libyans asking the same question. For a long time the people lived in fear of more attacks.

"We thought it was just the beginning. Our people are very angry with the United States," said Yagubi.

# Help given to foreign family

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

Despite what some of us tend to believe, dreams can come true, at least they did for the Hernandez family.

"We are so happy, we want to thank everyone who helped us with this," said Luisa Hernandez.

Luisa and husband Denis, along with their four children, Dennis, 16, Yackira, 13, Manuel, 15 and Mark 3, faced a deportation deadline and were forced to return to their homeland, Nicaragua. But as their extension deadline drew closer, a call from Erie MP John Maloney ended the family's fear of deportation.

"We got a call last Tuesday from Mr. Maloney telling us the good news—we were so, so happy," said Luisa.

She said Maloney contacted Sergio Marchi, minister of immigration, directly in Ottawa seeking help for the family. The family was seeking permission to stay in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, while they applied for landed immigrant status.

The Hernandez's fled Nicaragua in 1985, fearing for their lives. They first went to the United States seeking political asylum on grounds of persecution from the Sandinista government. When denied refugee status by the U.S, the family tried gaining status in Canada when they arrived in Fort Erie in 1992.

However, Canada also denied the family status, saying the new coalition government, led by Violeta Chamorro, posed no threat to the Hernandez family. But the couple, who both worked for the government, said they feared they would be killed despite what Canadian Immigration officials were told.

The couple both full-time students at the college, could not continue their studies at because they feared deportation. Luisa was in the International Trade program and Denis was in the culinary course program. Asked if she and her husband will return to the college, Luisa said she was very optimistic and could hardly wait to return.

"We have extra energy now and look forward to continue with our studies and work hard," she said.

David Gibson, an instructor in the culinary program, said he was also thrilled to hear the good news about his student Denis and his family.

"Things look good. They have worked hard to get where they are right now," said Gibson.

"We were all pulling for them here at the college."

Receiving landed immigrant status works on a point system, said Gibson, and applicants are required to have a full-time job.

"Denis was hired to work full-time at a bingo parlour in Fort Erie, but we do have full time positions for him lined up in a few restaurants," said Gibson.

For now, the Hernandez family is resting easy in their Fort Erie home, which Luisa says is a dream come true.

Asked what advice she would give to other immigrants seeking status in Canada, Luisa said it takes a lot of work, and not to expect things to be done for you.

"We want to give back to this country and work hard here. We appreciate the opportunity to stay here and achieve our goals,"said Luisa.

# *'Being approachable' goal of new student governor*

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, an Educational Resources and Special Needs (ERSN) student is the student governor on the college's Board of Governors.

Kathryn Mamo, 19, was acclaimed in her bid for the position.

The first-year student decided to get involved after hearing Doris Baiano, 1994's student governor, talk about her experiences on the board.

"I thought it would be great to get involved," she says.

Mamo, who served as secretary on Lakeshore Catholic High School's student council, says she's looking forward to meeting new people, seeing how things work and being a strong voice for students. Not all students' concerns are being heard, she says.

The Port Colborne resident is also looking forward to the challenges that await her next year.

"I always believe in new challenges because if you don't you fade into the background."

The one thing she would've liked to have been a part of was a race for the position. It would have made the position more visible and increased school spirit, if there had been an election, she says.

One of her goals as a student governor, she says, is to make the position more visible. "Being approachable to the students" is another.

With her "positive attitude," she plans to sit on an upcoming board meeting to get her feet wet. The position will be "a whole different way of seeing the college instead of just being in a classroom," she says.

"I think it'll all come together."

# Attention students!

Students can win cash prizes in a writing competition co-sponsored by Book City, a Toronto bookstore chain, and Books in Canada, a national book review magazine.

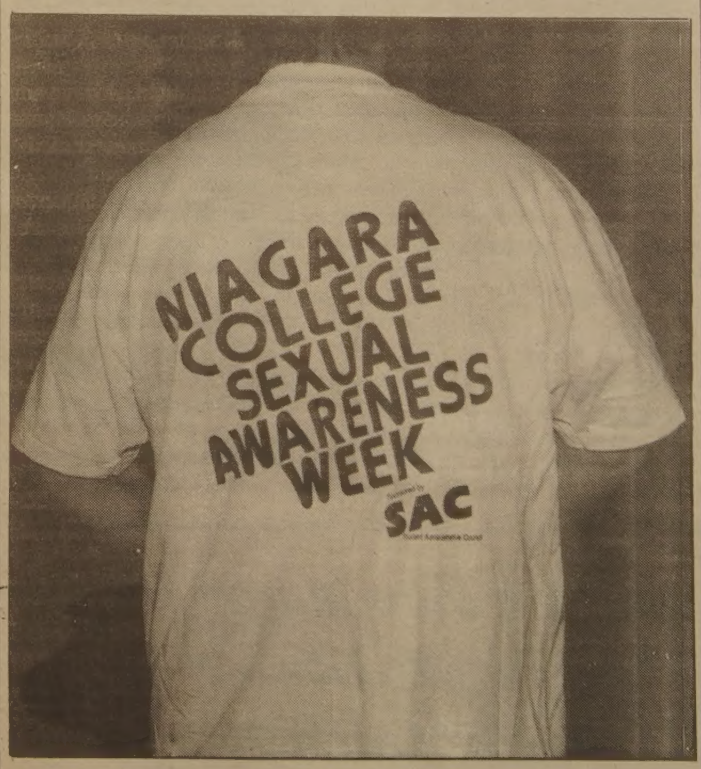
Three prize winners will be selected in each of two categories: poetry and short fiction.

Entrants must be full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a Canadian university or community college. Submissions must be postmarked no later than July 14, 1995, and should not exceed 2,500 words. Winners will be announced in the October issue of Books in Canada; only winners will be notified.

Entries should be addressed to: Student Writing Awards, Books in Canada, 130 Spadina Ave., Suite 603, Toronto, Ont. M5V 2L4.

For further information, contact Books in Canada at (416) 601-9880.

## *Did you see this man?*




If you did and reported it you could win $$$ from your Student Administrative Council in After Hours.

**Photo by Sue Noble**

# Truth about former president

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

After a two-month investigation, the Niagara News has learned Bernie Kurek was voted off the Student Administrative Council (SAC) as president at an in-camera meeting Nov. 23, 1994.

The Niagara News reported in its Dec. 2 edition that Kurek, 29, resigned for personal reasons.

At the Nov. 23 in camera meeting, however, a SAC official asked Kurek to resign. He said no. SAC then voted 5-1 to have him removed from council, with one member abstaining.

After the vote, Kurek discussed with SAC members the possibility of his resignation as an alternative. They agreed.

The in-camera discussion dealt with meetings missed by Kurek. SAC officials said Kurek missed two SAC meetings, two College Council meetings, and one meeting of the Crimestoppers committee.

He missed the two SAC meetings on Oct. 12 and Oct. 26. The two College Council meetings were missed in the months of October and November.

Dawn Swayze, SAC's vice-president of internal affairs, made a motion on behalf of council to remove Kurek from SAC. The discussion was based on Article 30 and Article 31 of the SAC constitution.

"Bernie Kurek was forewarned as to council's intention to call for his removal in his capacity as president based on Article 31," said Swayze.

"He declined that opportunity (to resign voluntarily) orginally. After the motion was made and voted on, he chose to take the opportunity orginally given to him. He resigned from office."

However, Kurek has a different view of the situation.

"I was never forewarned about my resignation until the Nov. 23 in-camera session," said Kurek, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student. "I did not know until that meeting that council was going to ask for my resignation.

"I thought it would sound better if I said I resigned because I didn't really want anyone to think that this student council was out to get me. But then on the other hand, I figured oh hell with it, I didn't resign, they voted me out," said Kurek.

"I voted in favor of removing Bernie from office," said Jason Graham, who at the time was SAC's vice-president executive. He is now SAC president. "I felt the position of president was not being filled to its full capacity, and it needed to be rectified." Graham assumed the duties of SAC president on Nov. 25, 1994.

Linda Shuart, SAC's vice-president social, also voted to have Kurek removed from council.

"The reason I voted in favor was due to the fact that Bernie Kurek was not upholding his responsibilities as deemed necessary as president of the corporation," she said.

Jeff Poulin, SAC's vice-president of external affairs, also voted to have Kurek removed from office.

"Council made a decision whether the decision was liked by all council members or not. We did it from a business view. We are a corporation. This decision was not personal," he said.

"I voted to have Bernie Kurek removed from council because of the evidence given during the meeting, and based on my own experience on what I saw of Bernie's duties as president," says Sean Rhoads, who at the time of the vote was a student representative. "I thought both sides of council and Bernie handled the situation very professionally, and they were both mature about it."

"I felt as a representative of the student body that I was accountable, as well as council, for the actions of an ineffective president," said Swayze. "Therefore, I voted in favor of his removal. It was not, and is not, a personality issue."

Bren Biggs, who at the time was a student representative, chaired the in-camera meeting. She did not vote. Biggs is now SAC's vice-president executive.

"I stand behind council's decision based on the evidence presented with respect from the constitution and violation there of," she said.

Steve McCutheon, another student representative, abstained from voting.

"I hadn't been in the office on a regular basis prior to the meeting, and therefore didn't have an adequate awareness of the circumstances that led up to this turn of events," he said.

"Due to this fact, I didn't feel that I had the tools necessary in order to make an informed decision and cast a vote either way that would effect someone else."

Lou Dimattio, assistant director to student life, said there were some commitments not realized by Kurek.

"This situation has set a precedent that SAC will become their own watchdogs."

# EDITORIAL PAGE

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## Fed up !

After two years of school I have determined one thing. School sucks.

Toil and trouble, boil and bubble, this has been the extent of my life for the past two years. After 40 plus hours of college studies I turn my attentions to paid employment for another 20 hours. My work that I do at home is not included in that timeframe.

Essays, photos, readings and projects take up most of my time. How am I expected to finish it all without losing my mind? I know "cry me a river," but really is the whole purpose of post secondary education "pack 'em in, push 'em out?"

I have determined, like many editors before me, that the increased work load is too much to handle. Every teacher expects you to dedicate all of your time to their class. Like we don't have other things we have to do? Like the other seven or so classes.

Why should anyone else care about my troubles? No reason. If these teachers think they can take me out, think again. I'm not going anywhere. I can survive with four or five hours of sleep so bring it on. I've come too far to lose it all now.

**Heath Anderson**

## Facing the 'real world'

Is it all worth it in the end?

Every year students enter university and college with the hope of graduating and being employed in their field of study. They spend thousands of dollars on tuition, books, rent, and transportation. For what?

The chance of students being employed immediately after graduation is slim. This, to me, is discouraging. Many times I have wondered if the experience that can be obtained in everyday life is more valuable than spending two years in a classroom.

The money spent on tuition and books could be spent on more bona fide items that could benefit your future such as a nice home and a reliable means of transportation.

I have come to believe the schooling a student receives during their college or university years will in no way prepare them for what they will face out in the 'real world' and that two days on the job will teach them more than they learned in an entire semester.

The two years that I have spent here at Niagara College have not been a total waste. In taking the Journalism-Print program I have learned to be more organized, how to meet deadlines and how to cope with conflicting personalities and opinions. I value the time I have spent here, I only question the means in which our education system is run and the direction that it will take in the future.

**Christine Rawcliffe**

## Upcoming elections

The candidates for 1995-96 Niagara College Board of Governors term are official.

Running for the faculty position on the board are politics instructor Tom Busnarda and English instructor Gary Webb.

Educational Resources and Special Needs program student Kathryn Mamo has been acclaimed as the student representative.

Elections will be held March 6 to 8.

## Safety comes first

**By MARK BROUWER**
**Staff Writer**

Rick Demers, supervisor of Niagara College's health and safety department, said there is room for improvement in recognizing danger around campuses and facilities.

Demers said the job of a health and safety department is not fully understood by the college community at large. Students and instructors aren't aware of all of their rights or responsibilities when there is a danger to their health and safety, he said. He said he is hoping that the department can help to elevate awareness about the issues.

"We should adopt a more proactive attitude towards health and safety, where it is second nature and not an effort," he said.

People often don't get involved in an issue of health and safety, he said, because they think it's "taken care of" through legislation.

"But safety standards won't improve until people realize that we really can't legislate for everything, and that at some point the individual is also responsible for their own safety."

Demers said he would like to see the college community take a new approach. *Students and staff should feel free to report situations where* they perceive a potential hazard, he said, but also to try to think about safety first.

## *Be a crime stopper*

Niagara College Crime Stoppers recently elected a new board.

They include: Adam Richards, chair; Joe Plante, vice chair; Nancy Glover, treasurer/secretary; Craig Farrish, fund-raising committee chair; Anita Lee, vice chair; Mario Bernold, awards committee chair; Amanda Malcolmson, vice chair; Brandon Ferro, publicity committee chair; and Robert Richardson, vice chair. The advisers are Neil McGregor, Rick Demeres, Jon Pilkington, Brett MacLeod and Joyce Talbot. The co-ordinator is Heather Hodgson, co-ordinator of the college's Law and Security Administration program.

The college's Crime Stoppers needs representatives and it's not too late to be involved. Volunteers can join one of the committees and have direct impact on the success of the Crime Stoppers program.

Volunteers can provide insight into personal safety issues or provide an anonymous tip regarding the culprit of a Niagara College incident.

Without you, Crime Stoppers will not be successful. Niagara College's Crime Stoppers program is the first of its kind in Ontario and is the only college-based program. Although there is support and assistance from Crime Stoppers Niagara District and Niagara College, the college's Crime Stoppers Board is a separate, self-supporting entity.

Meetings are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in M8, the LASA Student Resource Room.

For more information regarding any incident at the college, drop your anonymous tip in the Crime Stoppers box at the Learning Resource Centres or call Niagara and District Crime Stoppers 1-800-263-8477.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding personal safety or campus safety issues, drop them in the Crime Stoppers Box.

***Enjoy a safe March Break***
***The Niagara News will be***
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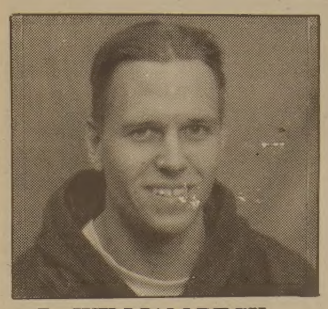
# PERSPECTIVES

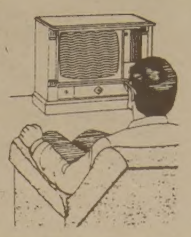
## Talk shows rule daytime TV for ratings



By WILLIAM BECK
Staff Writer

It's 11:15 a.m. Stumbling out of bed, in a sleep-induced haze, I slump down on the couch in front of the brain-sucking machine commonly known as the television set.

Searching for some sort of



visual stimulation, my fingers scramble frantically over the 'up' and 'down' buttons on the remote control.

But alas, the television offers nothing to fill the void in my brain starving for something to watch.

It is talk show mania at this time of the day. Ricki Lake features daughters whose mothers want them to treat their boyfriends like dogs. A fight nearly breaks out on Jerry Springer, boosting that show's ratings sky high. Geraldo is, once again, offering free consultation to weeping crack mothers. The audience is pumped. More! More! More!

Why is it that these 'guests' subject themselves to the verbal abuse of an audience hellbent on seeing them break down in a shower of tears on national television? Are these people for real?

Do the live audience, and us at home, feel some sort of pride when a person can be stirred to reveal their darkest of secrets to the amateur Freuds? Well we must. How else could schlock like this stay on the air?

What makes the Jenny Jones and Montel Williams of the talk show world authorities on how other people should be living their lives?

Granted they make some valid points when a guest's actions infringe on the rights of others, but this is not always the case. They are unable to grasp the concept that some people lead lives alternate to their own. Why do they insist on pushing their 'correct' morals on their guests who have chosen to live outside the barriers of a constricting and conforming society?

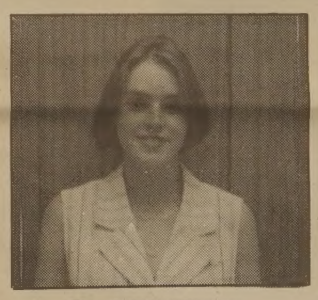
The set up of the talk show world strikes me as bizarre and fixed.

I have seen various guests rotate through the chain of talk shows. The sets of some shows, notably Jenny Jones, are frightfully similar to those used by the infomercials also gaining popularity.

What have we, as a society, been reduced to when we willingly subject our brains to be turned to mush? Or better yet, what have the television tycoons reduced us to?

My solution? Read a book.

## Love, a precious gift life gives us



By CHRISTINE RAWCLIFFE
Staff Writer

Life gives us many precious gifts and it is up to us to make the best of them.

I believe we are all given one special person to share our life with and when you find that person, hold onto them dearly.

I, fortunately, have found such a person and feel I am truly blessed to share my life with someone that has the same outlook on every aspect of life as I do.

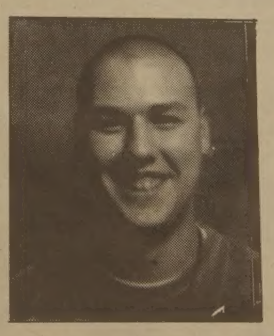
The world can be a very cruel and unfair place to live in but everything seems more bearable when you have that 'special someone' by your side. This all may seem very mushy but when you think about it, finding a person that shares your opinions, beliefs and wants the same things out of life that you do, is next to impossible. As well as all of the above, they love you and everything about you, unconditionally!

I will be the first to admit that no relationship is perfect but compromise and understanding are a part of everyday life and learning to communicate with other people is essential. Solving problems in a relationship is an example of effective communication.

In six months I will begin a whole new life with my fiance and I couldn't be happier. I have a good future ahead of me and I feel my parents did a good job of raising me and instilling proper values into me. It was because of them I've made the decisions I have about my future. They taught me to believe in myself and put my happiness above all else. That is why I chose to hold onto the person I have.

I personally have chosen to hold onto all the precious things in my life, the past with my parents and the future with my fiance.

## Writer upset over 'defaced' article



By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

It never ceases to amaze (and frighten) me how ignorant some people can be.

Recently, on my way out of class, I noticed an article I had written for the Niagara News had been defaced.

That's not what bothered me. Below the picture of a local punk rock band, the Sickboys, was written boldly in black marker "Racist Fags."

Immediately I ripped down the slur and tore it in half. I felt as much anger as confusion.

With nothing left for me to do or say, I contacted the band members and told them what some coward (it's convenient this person doesn't make him/herself known) did to their picture.

Steve, the singer, looked at my dismayed expression and laughed. Apparently, all this has happened to them before. People make a judgment based on their appearance and who attends their shows, and make it their responsibility to tell the world.

*Not only was it stupid, misinformed and cowardly, but it was ultimately self-defeating*

Little did the coward know the Sickboys have been considering hiring an African-American manager (that means BLACK, coward) and they have even written a song for people like you, *Don't hate us because we're beautiful.*

The sick remark (no pun intended) is prejudiced in itself. Whoever wrote it didn't ponder the ramifications of their deed.

Not only was it stupid, misinformed and cowardly, but it was ultimately self-defeating.

## Peer Tutoring tables available

By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

Stuck on a math problem? Writing an essay and it doesn't sound right? There is help available for you.

Peer Tutoring services at Niagara College is providing the Answer Desks for math and English.

"The tables are for quick fixes. There is no heavy involvement," said Brian Keppy, co-ordinator of student success and facilitator of prior learning assessment. It is for the students who are doing their assignments or homework and are stuck on a problem. Instead of leaving the work until later, "tutors are available to provide quick relief," said Keppy.

Signs and posters are posted all over the Welland campus, including the library.

To start with, the desks will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

They are located by the Peer Tutoring office in the upper level of the Learning Resourse Centre (LRC).

The service will continue until the end of April and resume in September.

# Caravan 95 visits Niagara College

**By EVELYN BAUER**
**Staff Writer**

Caravan 94-95 was "a good way of sensitizing people of what disabilities are," says Gilles Prescott, Niagara College's co-ordinator of the Special Needs Office.

Niagara College presented the Caravan on Feb. 20 and 21. It represented the needs and interests of people with disabilities by showcasing the latest in high-tech, state-of-the-art appliances and equipment.

"Some people complained that various exhibits didn't work properly, but just imagine if you had a disability and you had to struggle trying to do it," said Prescott, adding the Caravan was "very useful, helpful."

Prescott said he was glad organizers were able to visit the college.

"I want to thank everyone who helped and supported Caravan, including the volunteers and the college who helped facilitate the event." He thanked the faculty and teachers for their encouragement by visiting the exhibits. He also thanked the staff of the Learning Resource Centre "for putting up with the inconvenience of blocking the traffic line."

Reg Tiessen, special event co-ordinator for the magazine Disability Today, said he measured the success of Caravan by "students' responses."

Niagara College was "well above in the response to the show," he said, adding "the students were not breezing through. Many were walking to two, three and four stations."

Derek Ceroski, Caravan 94-95 show manager, says the show's success can depend on where the show is located in the building.

Each of the nine stations or pods in the show were distinctly themed. The Caravan was put together in less than six hours by student volunteers from the college.

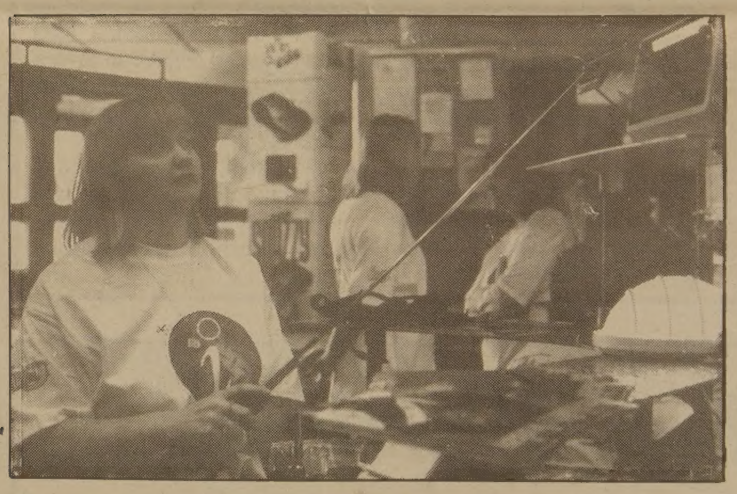
At each station, anybody could have a hands-on approach such as making a telephone call using the TTD/TTY (telecommunications device for the deaf).

People could test their speed and endurance on an authentic racing wheelchair and learn how household electronic appliances can be operated with a fingertip environmental control unit. People could also open and close a mio-electric artificial hand.

Webster's Dictionary definition of the word Disabilty. 1A - archaic: inability to do something. 1B - the condition of being disabled. : deprivation or lack especially of physical, intellectual, or emotional capacity or fitness; also: an instance or such a condition: a particular weakness or inadequacy. 2: the inability to pursue an occupation or perform services for wages because of physical or mental impairment. 3: a physical or mental illness, injury, or condition that incapacitates in any way. 4: a material object or condition that hinders, impedes or incapacitates.

Sponsors for Caravan include Disability Today Magazine, Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company and Chrysler Canada.

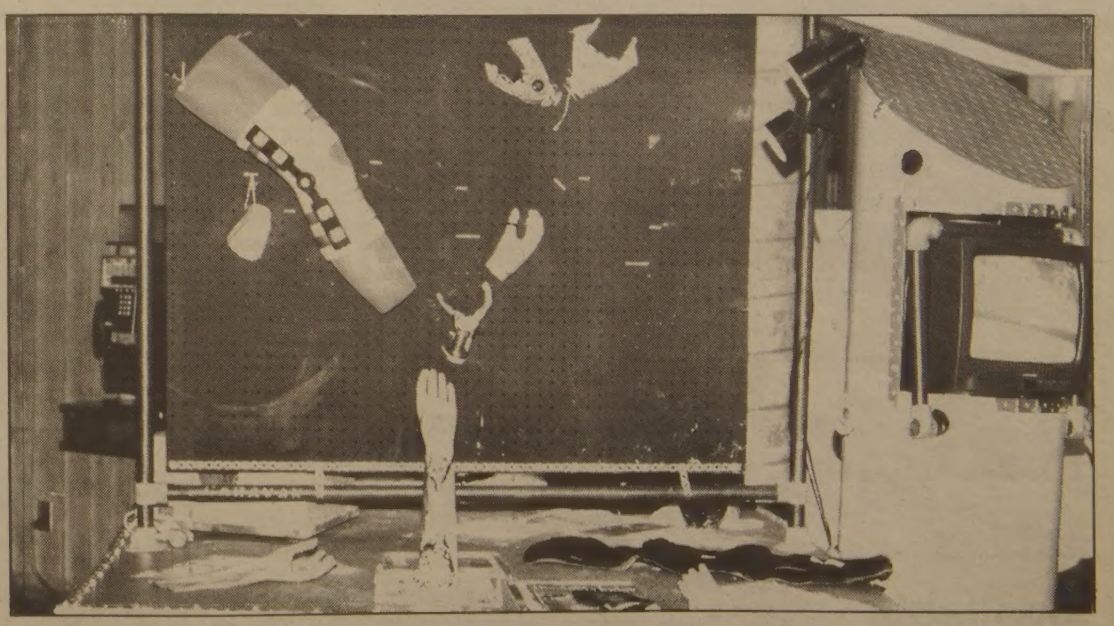
## Photos by Evelyn Bauer



Volunteer Tina Barkhouse, a second-year Human Relations program student, demonstrates with a pointer as the device adjusts in length and has a sticker on the end. It's used for picking up paper from the floor and opening and closing cupboard doors. People with arthritis and limited body movement or in a wheelchair use this item.

Derek Ceroski helps Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president, administration, gets an idea of what it's like to drive an authentic racing wheelchair.

Among those at Caravan 95 were (at left) Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president, administration, Jeffrey Tiessen, publisher of Disability Today magazine, Gilles Prescott, the college's co-ordinator of Special Needs office, Carol Boettcher, the college's vice-president of student life and human resources.



A mio-electric hand on the table demonstrates its strength and various abilities. The back-board displays different prosthetic devices that are current on the market used by the amputees.

# *Doxtator hopes to plan fundraiser*

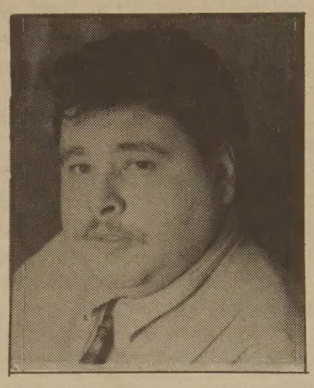
By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

The day starts early for Darren Doxtator.

He gets up at 5:30 a.m. to get ready for work and the five minute drive, from his home at 344 Leask Ave. in Fort Erie, to his full-time job at Customs Canada where he works as an inspector until 2 p.m.

After his shift he makes off for Niagara College where he is a full-time student and the aboriginal student representative for the Aboriginal Education Management Circle.

As a representative of the aboriginal students at Niagara, one of his responsibilities is to present concerns of the aboriginal student body to the aboriginal access manager in the student lounge. A suggestion box is in place so students may get a message to him if he isn't around.



Darren Doxtator, aboriginal student representative.
Photo by Gordon Hill

Doxtator has a couple of ideas to get the aboriginal student body together in a social setting instead of strictly acedemic settings. A fundraiser, with the Native-Cook Entreprenuer program cooking the meal, is something he would like to do before the end of April of this year.

Doxtator, 29, who is married and has two children Kailey, 6, and Devan, 2, stays at the college most times until 7 p.m. "I try to get most of my work done at school because of my kids, once I get home they demand all my attention," he said.

In his spare time Doxtator coaches minor league hockey, referees a men's recreational hockey league, and is the vice-president of the Board of Directors for the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. He tries to keep the weekends open for his wife Lori and their two children, he said.

He started school in January for a change in career and has taken the entrance exam for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. "In my job for trade administration at customs I don't feel challenged ... the department just isn't enough for me," Doxtator said.

# Cancer, the silent killer

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

If you think you are or could be affected by this information then read this article.

If you think you will not be affected and this has no relevance to you, then don't read this.

The issue is cancer.

**When do you think you are going to die?**

A. in your 20s
B. in your 30s
C. over 50
D. closer to your 80s and 90s

For those of you who have read the article down to this point, then read further.

**Did you know?**

- Up to half of all cancer deaths in Ontario could be prevented if people stopped smoking and improved their diets.

- "Tobacco use is our number one public health problem. In Ontario, we are taking a strong stand against smoking with our tobacco strategy," said Dr. Richard Schabas, Ontario's chief medical officer of health.

- The threat of a "public health disaster" looms as a result of the federal government's tobacco tax cut in 1994.

- Schabas, who spoke in favor of the tax increases, said, "There is solid evidence that taxation has been a powerful factor in reducing smoking among young people."

**Tobacco use is responsible for about 25 per cent (5,000) deaths in Ontario each year**

- Statisics show tobacco production has increased.

- Tobacco use is responsible for about 25 per cent (5,000) of cancer deaths in Ontario each year.

- What people eat is also responsible for about 20 per cent (4,000 cases) of all fatal cancers each year.

- About 45,000 Ontarians are diagnosed with cancer annually.

- Lung, breast and bowel cancers are responsible for almost 45 per cent of Ontario's 20,000 cancer deaths each year.

- The typical Ontario resident has a 40 per cent chance of being diagnosed with cancer sometime in life.

"We have to change the way we deploy our resources, the way we think and, ultimately, the way we live. Measures against tobacco and diet-related cancers are our best opportunity to cut up to one-half of Ontario's cancer deaths," said Schabas.

**The typical Ontario resident has a 40 per cent chance of being diagnosed with cancer sometime in life**

# *Manera resigns from CBC*

Former Niagara College president Tony Manera has announced his resignation as CBC president.

Manera, who served at Niagara from 1972 to 1978, resigned Tuesday after Finance Minister Paul Martin cut the CBC's budget by 23 per cent over the next three years.

Manera had been with the CBC for nine years. In February 1994 he was appointed president. His resignation is effective March 31.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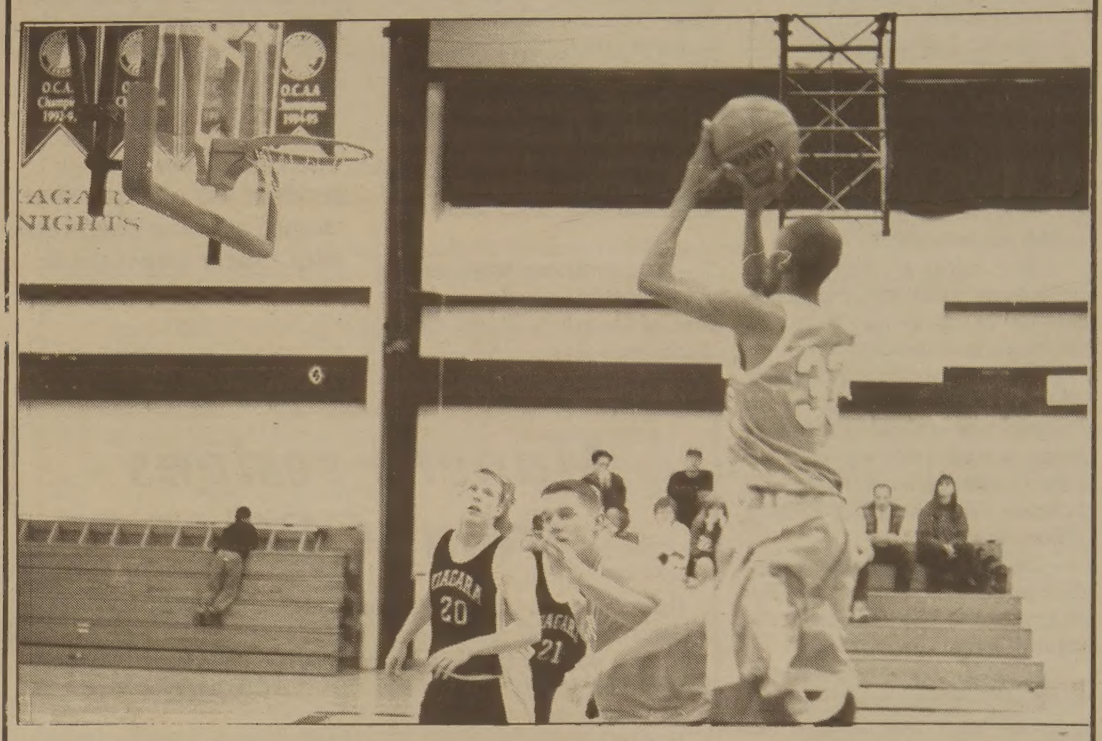
## *Keltos plays his last game*



A player from Sheridan College is playing against Niagara College in the final basketball game of the season.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

A valiant effort was made by the Niagara College Knights men's basketball team as they closed out the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) season against Sheridan College on Feb. 23.

The Knights lost to Sheridan 100 to 86 in a close game that featured the last game for three-year veteran Frank Keltos.

"They wanted to win this one for Keltos," said head coach Randy Conlon.

The Knights were led by John Wark, who netted 26 points and Sergio Vercasi, who pumped in 21.

The Knights, who missed the playoffs this year, finished the season with a 5-7 record.

The Knights will lose only one player this year and are recruiting new players for next year.

## Volleyball season over

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

The men's volleyball season came to an end last weekend, when the long and tough road to the Ontario College Athletic Association(OCAA) championships ended on a bumpy path.

"I knew going in to the game it was going to be tough because we lost Jim Konrad the night before in practise to an injury, therefore taking some options away," said Ray Sarkis, coach of the men's volleyball team.

The Knights played their first match against Loyalist College, the host team, Friday morning. In the first game, the Knights came out with a 7-0 lead, yet let Loyalist come back to beat them 15-12. Loyalist dominated the second game to crush the Knights 15-4. Once again, in the third game, the Knights took a 9-2 lead, but in the end fell to a 15-11 loss. "We were up on them a few times when they were flat, yet we didn't take advantage of this and we let them come back," said Sarkis.

In the second match against Cambrian College Friday afternoon, the Knights were once again "too inconsistent." They lost the first game 15-6. In the second game, the Knights pulled ahead to a 8-2 lead, but lost a close set, 17-15. Finally, in the third game, the Knights showed the talent they had the potential to play. They were losing 14-4 and came back with six straight points. "They played with heart and intensity," said Sarkis. In a game of 18 sideouts and a hard fought battle to come from behind, the Knights lost 15-10.

"It was a disappointment to the players," said Sarkis. "I am pleased with the outcome of the season, especially with them having eight games over 500 and they should be proud of this."

Blair Cudmore was nominated to the first team all-star and was given the honor of possibly being a member of the All-Canadian team.

## *Silver medal for curling*

By JOHN SAKARS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College mixed curling team won the silver medal at the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) championships on Feb. 26 at the R. A. Centre in Ottawa.

Team captain Al Charuk said the championships were "extremely competitive," and carried a cross section of teams from the four corners of Ontario.

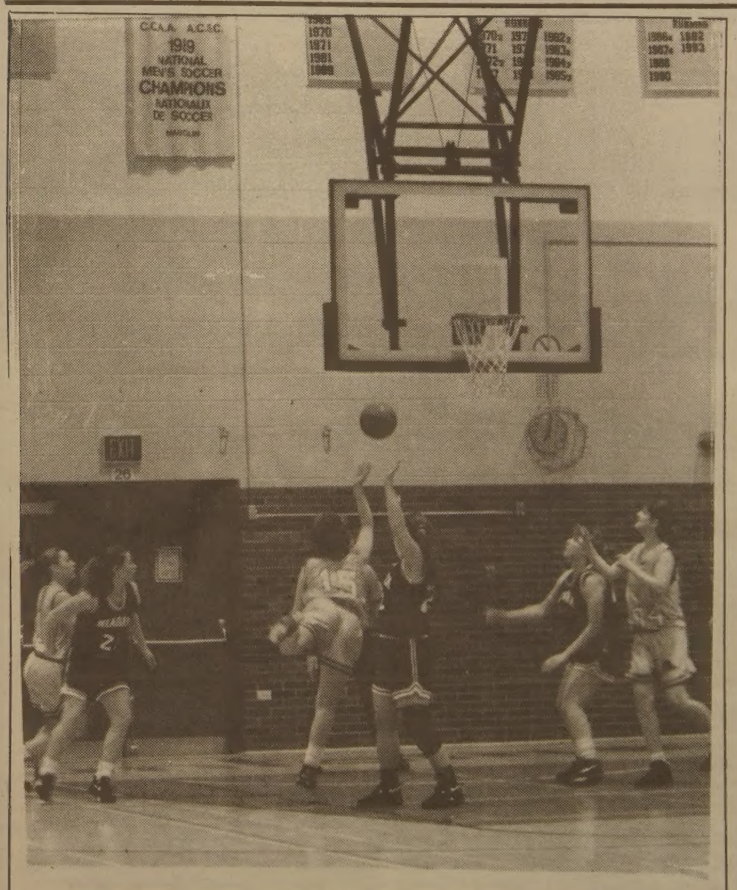
Niagara played two games on Friday, winning the first one 8-5 against Mohawk College from Hamilton, and losing the second 8-5 to Confederation College from Thunder Bay. "We knew that was the team to beat," said Charuk.

On Saturday afternoon they lost 4-2 to Sault College from Sault Ste. Marie, and on Sunday morning they defeated Algonquin College from Nepean, Ont., 7-6 in an extra-end (overtime) game.

"It was really a fantastic game," said Charuk, adding "by winning that game we finished second—that's how close the standings were."

Charuk said "Confederation was well-deserved of winning the gold medal," while Mohawk won the bronze.

"I thought all of the members played extremely well," said Charuk of his team, comprised of Kimberly Hutton, lead; Jeffrey Reed, second; Susan Mulkins, vice; Charuk, skip; and Brian Nagy, coach.



Stacey Adams(#15) from Mohawk College, attempts a shot against Niagara College defender Shelley Holden.

Photo by Dave Crane

## Knights lose in O.T.

### 'Every kid on this team had her best game tonight'

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

A heartbreaker!

That seems to be the only word to describe the hard-fought playoff loss the Niagara College women's basketball team suffered on Feb. 28 at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

"It was a war out there," said coach Todd Stevens referring to the 64-62 overtime loss. "This one will hurt the girls for a longtime."

The Knights, who had struggled against Mohawk in the regular season, saved their best performance for the playoffs.

The game saw back-and-forth action with several lead changes. At the half, the Knights owned a 28-25 lead thanks to Julie McLaren who set the tone for the offence.

In the second half, Mohawk played a full court press and tried to rattle the Knights. Unfortunately for them, the Knights were well prepared for this tactic and scored many easy layups to frustrate the Mountaineers.

"We finally did it against the press," said a proud Stevens. "Both Shelley (Holden) and Shelley (Doncaster) made some great decisions making the press insignificant."

In an exciting finish to regulation time, the Knights took a two-point lead with under a minute remaining, only to see it disappear moments later and then have to play tough defence to force overtime.

Overtime was equally exciting, seeing lead changes and pressure packed free throws. For the Knights, Diana DiPietro nailed a three-point bomb to give the team the lead, but the pesky Mountaineers refused to die in front of a big home crowd and managed to claw and scratch their way to the victory.

DiPeitro had another huge game leading the way with 23 points, including 19 in the second half. McLaren chipped in with 17 points.

For Stevens, it was an acceptable way to close the season.

"Every kid on this team had her best game tonight."

# Playoffs approaching for Niagara teams

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College's mixed badminton team is off to the Canadian Championships while the Knights men's basketball team set a record for the most three-point field goals in a game at 17.

Niagara's mixed badminton team of Cindy Emery and Sean Ellis had a perfect record at the provincial championship, winning gold and the right to represent Ontario in the Canadian Championships in College de Shawinigan, Que. on March 8 to March 11.

The Knights basketball team set a new team record for the most three-point field goals in a game against Lambton College from Sarnia. The team was led by Mike Hurley, who tied the league record with nine three pointers. Niagara beat up on Lambton winning 102-78. The team is in fifth place in the division.

The women's basketball team is in fourth place with a record of seven and nine staying just ahead of fifth place Seneca College of North York. The team has been led by Diana Dipietro with 12.1 points per game. Niagara's Kelly Smith and Julie McLaren are also on the leaders' list with 10.8 and 10.7 points per game.

On the ice, the men's hockey team is tied for fifth place with 14 points. The Knights are tied with Algonquin College from Nepean and Sir Sandford Fleming from Peterborough. Team captain Dave Crane is on the leaders' list with 31 points.

The Knights' men's volleyball team advances to the playoffs despite dropping to third place in the standings. Niagara's Blair Cudmore has also dropped to third place in the scoring leaders' race with an average of five points a game. Greg Heyder is also on the leaders' list with 3.8 points a game.

Niagara's women's volleyball team has been eliminated from the playoffs with a record of five and 10. The championships were held on Feb. 16 at Nipissing University in North Bay.

# Indoor soccer 'needs a boost'

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

Representatives from the Niagara College men's and women's indoor soccer teams urged Student Administrative Council (SAC) to help them receive the recognition they feel they deserve at last Monday's general SAC meeting.

Wayne Smith, Paul Bozek and Joe Nezic, of the men's soccer team, and Sandra Leach, of the women's team, attended the meeting to raise SAC awareness of what they feel is unfair treatment by the athletic department.

Smith said the players have had to play under stress because of a "lack of organization." He also asked why the teams are not being properly recognized by the Athletic department when they're representing Niagara College against other colleges.

"It looks like you're not being recognized as a full-varsity team," said President Jason Graham.

Vice-President of Internal Affairs Dawn Swayze suggested the association fill out a club package to qualify for more funding.

The players have had to pay for many of their expenses, such as hotel rooms for away games. Nezic, after the meeting, described how he has taken to sleeping on floors in hotel rooms and riding on the floor of the van which the team uses to travel and is too small for all of them. Nezic said they need a bus.

"Even if it's one of those cheese-box buses from high school," he said.

Among other problems the teams face are equipment Smith describes as "prehistoric" and facilities.

The team has been told they will no longer be able to use the gym next year.

The players said they don't seek any luxuries from the college.

"We just want the basics," said Leach.

# Men's hockey stands fourth

Niagara College's hockey team secured more than a playoff spot by defeating Sir Sandford Fleming College (Peterborough Campus) 8-3 on Feb. 24.

The Knights, who were hoping to grab the sixth spot in the standings, finish fourth and find themselves in a good position heading to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships March 3 and 4 in Lindsay, Ont.

Goal scorers for Niagara from Friday's game were: Jason Brazeau with three; Jason Harris, Mike Tasker, Eric Hill, Matt Fuhrmann, and Rich Colangelo, all had singles.

**The playoff format goes as follows: Friday, March 3; Sault College (6) vs. Cambrian College (3); Sir Sandford Fleming (5) vs. Niagara College (4).**

Saturday's games will include first-place Seneca College of North York and second-place Conestoga College from Kitchener. The medal rounds will be on Sunday.

# *Van Dyk NHL bound*

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Welland native Chris Van Dyk, 18, is rated eighth in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) for the upcoming National Hockey League (NHL) draft to be held in Winnipeg in July.

Van Dyk plays for the Windsor Spitfires (OHL) after being drafted last August in the third round.

The six-foot two-inch, 185-pound rugged defenceman has three goals and 21 assists in 39 games.

"The NHL has been a lifelong dream and I could not believe it when the rating (for the NHL draft) was announced," said Van Dyk in a recent interview.

"I was really excited and I can't wait for the draft to come."

The young rookie has played in most of the games this year and said he is working hard to improve his skills everyday.

"I'm in my rookie year and it is a learning process. I'm a lot better now than I was when I first got started here in August," said Van Dyk.

"The coaches have been pressuring me to work harder and I feel it has helped me become a better player."

"The coaching staff and the players are terrific. I got off to a rough start at first, but the coaches and the players were great in helping me out," said Van Dyk.

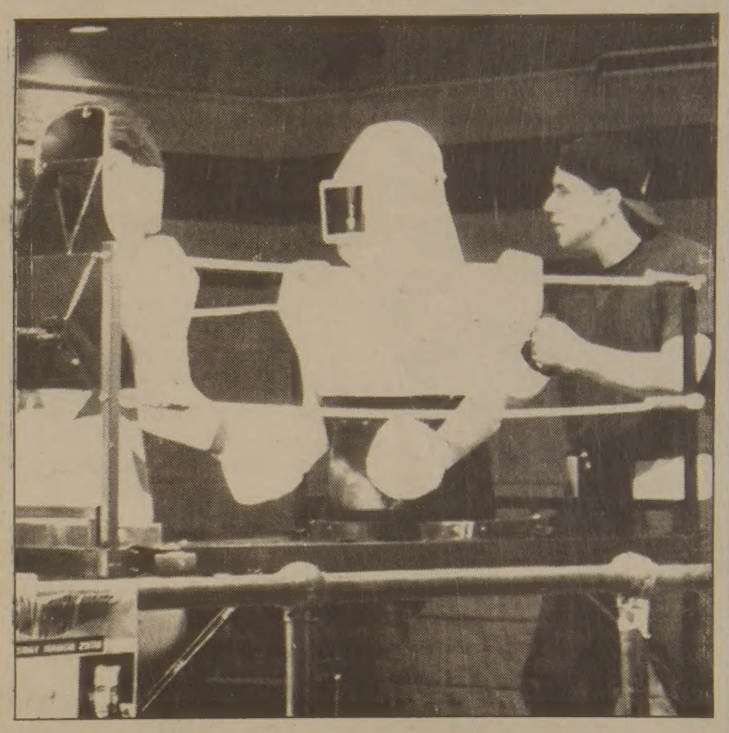
Van Dyk also played in the Welland and Minor Hockey Association ranks until 1993 when he played for the Welland Flames in the Golden Horseshoe Junior B Hockey League.

# Correction

In a story published Feb. 24 (Vol. 25 No. 12), it was reported because of lack of funding coach Dave Carpenter would not be joining Niagara College's mixed badminton team for the Canadian Championships in Shawinigan, Que., from March 8 to 12.

Ontario Colleges Athletic Association rules allow funding for one coach to represent Ontario.

# *Robotic boxing anyone?*



A participant of the WinterCourse Robotic Boxing is seen here throwing punches during the festivities.

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# 4-day WinterCourse cures the winter blues

Students are enjoying themselves playing in the snow for WinterCourse 95, despite the mid-winter blues.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

BY ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

WinterCourse 95 was fun, cold, but most of all it provided entertainment for those "winter blues."

"I thought WinterCourse was outrageous and awesome. We had a lot of extra choice of events," says Tom Hopkins, a first-year Mechanical Engineering program student and a member of Drunken Lazy Bastards (DLB), which won WinterCourse with 36 points. Six students were on each team.

WinterCourse was a four-day event with activities each day starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Student Centre.

The first-prize winners received a limousine ride, a free dinner at MT Bellies in Welland and $300.

The second-place winners received six Molson Canadian Red Dog jackets, while the third-place team won six WinterCourse T-shirts.

SAC sponsored WinterCourse at an estimated cost of $3,000.

"With amounting pressures of mid-term examinations and term papers, the staff at the Student Centre was excited to take an active role with SAC to provide an entertaining festival, which served only to alleviate the mid-winter blues," says Dave Rapelje, student life manager.

Brian Eldridge, a first-year Mechanical Engineering program student, says WinterCourse was "fun and very filling." He was a member of the winning team. Bill Plaschka and Jason Nicks, first-year Mechnical Enigeering program students, were also members of DLB.

Jeff Poulin, SAC's vice-president of external affairs, worked with council in organizing the events.

He says WinterCourse was a "good social event."

SAC President Jason Graham says WinterCourse was a "great opportunity" to show students SAC promotes fun events and encourages participation in the Student Centre.

Salvador Ramos Jr. and Jeff Mackay, first-year Journalism-Print program students, were also members of DLB.

"It was fun, different and very physical. I was very impressed with SAC's organization," says Ramos Jr.

Mackay says WinterCourse was "a lot of fun."

Poulin says he would like to thank SAC for its help in organizing WinterCourse. He says the student council did an "excellent job" in helping out.

## College access centres to be announced in March

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

It will be early March before the location of Les College des Grands Lacs (Great Lakes College) access centres are known.

Les College des Grands Lacs is set to open as a full French language post-secondary institution in September 1995, joining Boreal College in Sudbury and La Cite in Ottawa as the third French language college in Ontario.

Feb. 28 was the original announcement date, but because of delays at the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training level, the date has been postponed to early March.

"Due to an unfortunate delay, the announcement of the site location has been postponed to early March," said Anne Audet-Giroux, manager of the French Language Service program at Niagara College and a member of the Board of Governors at Les College des Grands Lacs.

Audet-Giroux said all of the dates should be confirmed at a Board of Governors meeting to be held on March 3 and 4.

Members of the board met earlier this week to discuss the transferring of Niagara College staff to the new college.

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| 4 | 5 | Don't Tell Me | Van Halen | 32 | 25 | Today I Hate Everyone | The Killjoys |
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| 12 | 7 | Bridge | Queensryche | 28 | 27 | Ugly | Sass Jordan |
| 8 | 8 | Truth Untold | The Odds | 29 | 28 | Upfront With You | Universal Money |
| 9 | 9 | Bang and Blame | R.E.M. | new | 29 | Strong Enough | Sheryl Crow |
| 18 | 10 | Ballad of Peter Pumpkinhead | Crash Test Dummies | 31 | 30 | Whip Smart | Liz Phair |
| 17 | 11 | Love Spreads | Stone Roses | 33 | 31 | I Alone | Live |
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| 18 | 13 | Lightning Crashes | Live | 40 | 33 | Hate My Generation | Sloan |
| 14 | 14 | Unglued | Stone Temple Pilots | 35 | 34 | Pretty Penny | Stone Temple Pilots |
| 15 | 15 | Walk On Water | Aerosmith | new | 35 | Nautical Disaster | Tragically Hip |
| 12 | 16 | Thank You | Plant and Page | new | 36 | Alot To Loose | Tonic |
| 25 | 17 | Beggars and Hangers On | Slash's Snakepit | new | 37 | Contract | Art Bergman |
| 11 | 18 | Big Brown Turtle | Junkhouse | 38 | 38 | Fire In The Hole | Tragically Hip |
| 20 | 19 | Gotta Get Away | Offspring | 21 | 39 | Ode To My Family | The Cranberries |
| 28 | 20 | The U.S. of Ache | Kim Mitchell | new | 40 | Murder Incorporated | Bruce Springsteen |

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# *Undiscovered artists speak out*

**By LESLEY WILLIAMS**
**Staff Writer**

Just about every artist aspires to be famous; many begin their careers with education and training. Some of tomorrow's great artists may be getting their start at Niagara College.

"Getting my work known," is the long term goal of second-year Visual Arts program student Alex Milosavlevic.

"I went to Brock for two years. I took art history and studios," he says.

How does Niagara College's Visual Arts program differ from that at Brock University?

"At Brock they're very heavy into theory," says Milosavlevic, 26. "You have to take a whole bunch of compulsory courses, like beginner's biology. College is a lot more concentrated — you learn a trade. When you finish you really know what you're doing."

"I can comment on the differences between Niagara College and Brock's Visual Arts programs, but I'd rather if you didn't print my name in the paper," says a second-year Visual Arts program student.

"I took a sculpture course at Brock. It was intense, lasting for six weeks, every day. Being at Brock was stimulating. There's a real interest in learning there. Conformity and apathy rule at Niagara. I've seen some art students get excited when a class is cancelled.

"At Brock I started making wax molds with hieroglyphic designs. I cast them into bronze and sold a few.

"I want to learn about jewelry design. I'm applying to George Brown College, Nova Scotia School of Art and Design and Alberta College of Art in Calgary. I'm told Calgary is the place to be now — visiting artists are there from all over," he says.

What is good and bad about Niagara College's Visual Arts program?

"The big advantages of Niagara College are that the tuition includes materials costs, there's a good three-dimensional design course here that I've found useful, and the college credits are easily transferrable to other schools," he says.

"Cutbacks are a problem. One art teacher I know has had his hours cut — I can understand how he would be frustrated. And we're paying more tuition now for less class time."

Are the abilities and accomplishments of Visual Arts program students acknowledged by the rest of the college?

"I've had the idea of more murals around campus and showing art films," he says. "We have no student representative on council, we're really isolated.

"I guess the rest of the college doesn't really know that Visual Arts exists here."

# *Indian Lion releases new album*

**By EVELYN BAUER**
**Staff Writer**

Indian Lion is a wonderful embodiment of two musical cultures.

Indian Lion was born in Birmingham, England, but is Indian in background. The music is from Bhangra, a state of Punjab in India.

During his life in Birmingham, he absorbed a wonderful cultural mix of reggae and Bhangra music.

In 1989, Indian Lion helped form "The Messiah" reggae band. He then, in 1990, opened a reggae club in Vancouver, B.C. called "Cafe Reggae."

The album "Undercover" is a wonderful expression of the two cultures that Indian Lion knows well. It's easy listening and dancing music.

The song "I Won't Give Up Till I Get It" is an excellent track that is remixed for the clubs. "Loving You Could Be So Easily" is another song that one will enjoy. The music is different from the average that one's hears from Great Britian.

I would recommend the music to anyone that likes to dance. It's not for everyone, but it is worth a try to listen to.

# Four-week wait at the dental clinic

**By VICTORIA BECK**
**Staff Writer**

It may be a long waiting list, but your turn will come.

The wait to get into Niagara College's Dental Clinic is long, said Jo Szabo, program assistant for the Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistant and Dental Office Administration programs. "It is a good four weeks, unless you get called to come in on short notice," she said.

But there is "a problem when people cancel on short notice or don't show up at all," she said.

The Dental Hygiene program students have a designated number of clinic hours to complete, before they can be certified, said Szabo.

There are 10 weekly clinics for the students; three on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and one on Friday.

If a client misses an appointment, students may walk the halls of the Simcoe building looking for someone to come in, so they use their clinic time.

Each student has a client list, from which they identify those available on short notice.

Szabo said she recommends giving 24 hours notice if you must cancel, or as soon as you know you can't make it.

The list for the restorative clinic is "long, really long," said Szabo.

There are two half-day clinics on Wednesdays for people wanting restorative work done. "We are still working on a client list from last year," said Szabo.

The dental assistant students have field placement for two weeks at the end of April and another week in June.

The clinics have gone "very well," Szabo said. The community and students have an interest in it.

"But we get complaints from a lot of seniors about the walk and the parking. A good portion of our clients are seniors," said Szabo.

Szabo said she hopes at the new Niagara-on-the-Lake campus there will be an area set aside for parking for the dental clinic clients.

The program will be moving to the new facilities along with other medically oriented divisions.

The Niagara College Dental Clinic is located on the third floor of the Simcoe building at the Welland campus. For an appointment please call (905) 735-2211, 384-9760, 382-2383 ext.7758. The clinic is open until June.


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# Wilson links learning, human resources

**BY ELIZABETH MONSERE**
**Staff Writer**

He is the direct link for learning and human resources.

Ed Wilson has been working as Niagara College's consultant, human resources development, for the past 3 1/2 years at the Welland campus.

His office is on the second floor of the library. He says learning resources and human resources are not exclusive to the other.

In 1969, Wilson worked in counselling and taught English for the Basic Adult Education program at the St. Catharines campus. In 1972, he came to the Welland campus and worked in the English Division.

He became co-ordinator of the General College program in 1975. He taught general electives and current events. He also taught a course called career choice selection with the counselling department.

"I did a full range of counselling from career to educational and I was also a personnel counsellor," he says.

In 1986, he became involved through the college in an Orientation to College Teaching program.

There are six Western Region Colleges providing special programming for teachers. These six colleges work closely together and organize conferences.

Wilson is involved in professional development and a committee for arranging development for teachers.

"My job is to plan, develop, and provide a wide range of human resource development policies and activities for staff."

He says there has been a well-defined structure since John Saso became college president.

There are six committees in the Human Resources Development area. Wilson works closely with each. He also is involved with the Professional Development Steering Committee.

"The committees advise me on what kinds of policies we should pursue. There are 112 policies in the Human Resource Policies and Practices. We try to implement these policies into programming," said Wilson.

Each year, the committees plan six conferences; four are for faculty. The first is a three-phase Orientation to College Teaching program for new faculty.

The fourth conference is called Great Teaching Seminar for experienced faculty. The fifth conference is for support staff and the sixth is the Managment Enrichment program for managers.

Wilson will being going to South Africa in April for two weeks to be in charge of teaching seminars there.

## *Sexual Awareness*

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He was shown a hand-painted cross saw and friends told him he could do that kind of work and probably make money doing it, he said.

"I created 250 pieces in 1993 and the Loyalist Village in Niagara-on-the-Lake bought quite a few of them for resale," said Brown.

"I don't have the time to work on much else right now, because of school," he said.

He applied to Niagara College "to get some formal education" and after a year of General Arts and Science he was accepted into VCAD. "I'm even on the president's honor roll," said Brown.

He said eventually he wants to work as a commercial artist, to put to use his knowledge of graphics and fine arts.

## *College Barrel Awards*

**By PAUL HARDY**
**Staff Writer**

The date for public screenings of submissions to the first-annual Niagara College Barrel Awards has been changed to April 8.

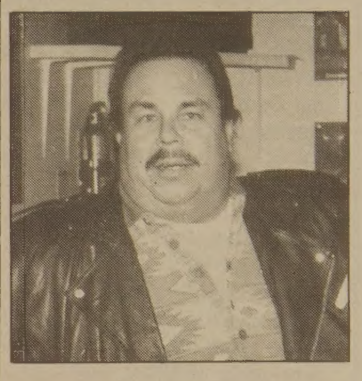
The Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF)-sponsored event was originally scheduled for March 3 and 4 at the King's Bridge Inn in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The screening date was changed when the deadline for entries was extended.

The awards will showcase film talent from colleges across Ontario and New York state.

Niagara College film instructor Elias Petras says a number of submissions have been received.

"We definitely have a full-day, dawn 'till dusk, screening session."



Lonnie King, proprietor of L.C. Hooters Sports Bar and Grill.
Photo by Gordon Hill

## *Wicked Wednesdays start March 8*

**By GORDON HILL**
**Staff Writer**

For the next four weeks and maybe throughout the summer, musicians will have an open forum to ply their craft solo or as a group.

L.C. Hooters Sports Bar and Grill, formerly Dukes Hotel in Port Colborne, is sponsoring "Wicked Wednesdays" for musicians and Niagara College students.

There will be a host band every Wednesday, but musicians are encouraged to bring their own axes. Rude Mood will host the first two Wednesdays with Springheel Jack alternating for the following two weeks.

Niagara students who present their student identification card can get bottled beer for $2, pitchers of draft for under $8 and the pool tables will be open for use without charge.

Lonnie King, 46, is the proprietor of L.C. Hooters.

"Although I'm not ancient, I'm considered a little older than most of the people who come here, but I can relate to music of all ages.

"Our bar has been expanded from four seats to a large horseshoe type bar with a standup bar in the middle," he said.

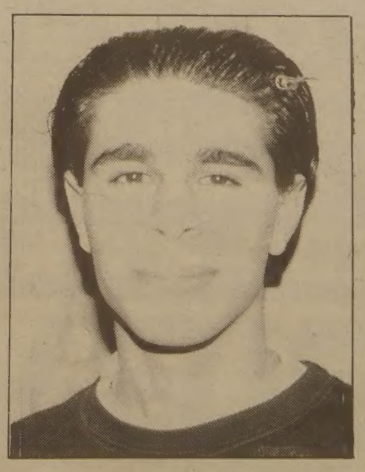
The bar boasts a shuffleboard table, foozeball table, two dartboards, two pool tables, a 10-foot screen and 56-inch screen with seven 21-inch televisions, and two volleyball courts in the back adjacent to a large parking lot.

The restaurant serves roadhouse-type foods, including jumbo chicken wings from mild to wild.

Wicked Wednesdays will begin March 8 at 9 p.m.

# *Niagara Speaks*

**Sexual Awareness Week was promoted at Niagara College from Feb. 27 to March. 2. Students were asked if they were aware of what Sexual Awareness Week was about and how they felt about holding a Sexual Awareness Week at Niagara.**



"If it teaches people to be aware of such issues as date rape, violence and the diseases that are out there, then it's a good thing," said **Altilio Lorenzo**, 19, a first-year Electronics Technician program student.

"Yeah it's cool if it helps give people some knowledge," said **Mike Lukas**, 20, a first-year Broadcasting, Radio, Telelevision and Film program student.

"I think it's really good that Niagara offers students an opportunity to learn more about sexual awareness," said **Allison Bridger**, 19, a first-year Human Relations program student.